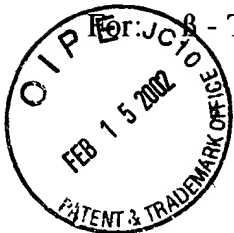


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In re Application of :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination on the merits in the manner set forth below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately following the Title of the Invention insert the following new paragraph: The subject patent application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,615 filed on December 23, 1999.

REMARKS

By the subject Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the Specification to include reference to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,615. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the subject.

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